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SUBJECT: VISIT OF UNFPA FUND RAISER, QATARI MINISTER OF
LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK

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1. I REQUEST THAT THE DEPT OFFER APPROPRIATE HOSPITALITY TO QATARI MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND LABOR ALI AL ANSARI, WHOSE INDEFATIGABLE EFFORTS OVER PAST YEAR HAVE RESULTED IN CONTRBUTIONS AF ABOUT $12 MILLION TO UN FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES. UNFPA DIRECTOR SALAS WILL TESTIFY TO ANSARI'S VIGOR AND EFFECTIVENESS AS FUND RAISER IN ARAB COUNTRIES WHICH PREVIOUSLY HAD MADE ONLY TOKEN CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUND.

2. ANSARI'S PRESENCE IN US TO ATTEND UFNFPA MEETING IN NEW YORK PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO RECOGNIZE HIS ACCOMPLISHMENT IN MATTER OF HIGH IMPORTANCE TO USG. HE EXPECTS TO BE IN
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WASHINGTON FOR A FEW DAYS BEGINNING ON OR ABOUT APRIL 12 FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENT AND TO GO ON TO NEW YORK FOR MEETING ABOUT APRIL 19. ANSARI'S ITINERARY IS NOT PRECISE--HE DEPARTED DOHA MARCH 24 AND IS TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON/NEW YORK VIA JAPAN, HAWAII, AND SANFRANCISCO. QATARI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND GOQ MISSION IN NEW YORK SHOULD BE INFORMED AND QUERIED ABOUT ACTUAL DATES.

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3. IN ADDITION TO CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR GREEN, I SUGGEST THAT ANSARI BE RECEIVED BY UNDER SECY HABIB AND ASSY SECY ATHERTON. PERHAPS SMALL EIGHTH FLOOR LUNCH COULD BE ARRANGED.

4. WE DID NOT RPT NOT MENTION POSSIBILITY OF CONTACT WITH USG OFFICIALS TO ANSARI BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE IN APPRECIATION OF HEAVY SCHEDULES OF DEPT'S PRINCIPALS AND IN ORDER NOT TO RAISE ANY EXPECTATIONS. HOWEVER, I RECOMMEND THAT WE TAKE INITIATIVE IN ACCORDING HIM SOME ATTENTION. HE IS VERY RANK CONSCIOUS, SO ANY CONTACT SHOULD BE AT SUFFICIENTLY HIGH LEVEL TO TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT. IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE, IT WOULD BE BEST TO DROP WHOLE THING.

5. ANSARI IS ONE OF GOQ'S MOST URBANE AND TRAVELED CABINET MINISTERS. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY. HE IS HARDLY AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POPULATION PROGRAM, HAVING 16 CHILDREN BY SEVERAL WIVES; AS A QATARI, IN WHOSE COUNTRY EXPATRIATES OUTNUMBER THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION, HE IS ALL FOR BIRTH ENCOURAGMENT RATHER THAN CONTROL. HIS INTEREST IN UNFPA'S ACTIVITIES CENTERS ON THE MANPOWER ASPECTS THE PROGRAM OFFERS TO THE SKILLS-SHORT COUNTRIES OF THIS AREA.

6 USUN MIGHT ALSO WISH TO OFFER ANSARI SOME HOSPITALITY IN NEW YORK.

7. I WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IN ADVANCE WHETHER IT POSSIBLE TO DO SOMETHING FOR ANSARI DURING HIS VISITS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK.PLEASE ADVISE.
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